

November 19, 2013

via Electronic Comments Filing System

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90,
Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 19, 2013, Jerome Block of Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. ("MATI"), Albert S.N. Hee of Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. ("Sandwich Isles"), Randy Tyree of GRTyree Consulting, and Al Pedersen of GVNW Consulting, Inc. (collectively, "Native Telecom Coalition for Broadband ("NTCB") representatives"), met separately with Matthew Berry of Commissioner Pai 's office, and with Christianna Barnhart of Commissioner Rosenworcel's office. Discussion focused on the irreparable harm done to MATI and Sandwich Isles as a result of the USF/ICC Reform Order.¹

NTCB representatives discussed the special needs and circumstances of Native Americans with respect to deployment and adoption of broadband, as recognized and stated by the FCC, industry associations, and the NTCB. The need for a Tribal Broadband Fund ("TBF"), as supplemental support in addition to reformed USF/CAF and ICC, was presented, as were copies of Resolutions passed during 2013 in support of a TBF by the National Congress of American Indians and by the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. NTCB representatives also discussed previously filed comments, including those of NTCB (8/24/2011), and Pa Makani LLC, dba Sandwich Isles Wireless (May 10, 2013), courtesy copies of which were provided.

In the meeting, Albert Hee described the significant negative impacts of the USF/ICC Reform Order on his company, including that on the employee workforce, operations, construction budgets, and ongoing financial viability.

¹ *Connect America Fund et al. WC Docket No. 10-90 et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663, 17870, para. 640 (2011) ("USF/ICC Reform Order"), *pets for review pending sub nom. In re: FCC 11-161, No. 11-9900* (10th Cir. filed Dec. 8, 2011).

Ms. Marlene Dortch
November 19, 2013
Page 2

Attached are summary materials provided to meeting participants. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan W. Pedersen
GVNW Consulting, Inc.

Attachments

cc: Matthew Berry
Christi Barnhart